

Metro Stormwater Geodata Project (MSWGP)

Follow-On Document from April 17 and June 12, 2018 Input Sessions:



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Summary Presentation & Input Session held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 Central States Water Environment Association Offices of H. R. Green 2550 University Avenue West St. Paul, Minnesota, 55114



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Purpose, Background and Context:

Purpose of this document. This document is intended to categorize, synthesize and organize the input gathered at the 4/17/2018 Summit Event input sessions for the review and usage of the MSWGP Steering Team to prioritize and execute its work toward developing a data standard, potential pilot project and other relevant project goals.

Background and Context. On April 17, 2018, sixty-two (62) representatives from city, county, regional, state and federal governments and interests from private sector consultants convened at the Hennepin County Public Works Facility Emergency Operations Center in Medina, Minnesota for a project information briefing and business needs documentation session. The session featured several brief presentations to establish context for the project and two facilitated breakout sessions for the discussion and documentation of business needs of the group. The presentations included:

Alex Blenkush of the Hennepin County GIS Office on the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority's recent efforts to better understand the water and stormwater infrastructure resources and assets in its various corridors and rights of way;

Carrie Magnuson of the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District who provided a contextual overview of the prior efforts in the metro region to develop a stormwater data exchange standard and pilot project to assemble inter-jurisdictional stormwater geodata for multiple uses;

Geoff Maas, coordinator of the MetroGIS collaborative—housed at the Metropolitan Council—provided context on the various needs to be met by a project of this type and examples of other successes being realized in the assembly of standardized park and trail data, road centerline data and address point data in the metropolitan region;

Stakeholder and participant input. In the two facilitated breakout sessions, participants were asked to identify, itemize and describe their general and specific business needs related to geodata representing stormwater systems as well as potential policy issues arising from sharing data. This document organizes this input into itemized categories intending to preserve the original intent and spirit of the comment as advanced at the event.

Appendices. Photographs of the original input (*in the original wording as documented on 4/17/2018*) is provided in an appendix at the end of this document for reference.

Category 1 Stormwater geodata attributes needed and/or desired

Need 1.1

What attributes need to be included in a potential standard, carried in a potential dataset, and maintained by the data producers so it can meet the core needs of the stakeholders?

>>> Routing, Modeling and Capacity Attributes:

- Diameter, material, shape, age, last inspection of pipe
- Elevation of inverts (up and down, e.g. height of the top and bottom of pipe)
- Flow volume/capacity of linear features;
- Storage (volume) capacity of impoundment/containment features (both natural and constructed)
- Geometry and connectivity attributes that facilitate effective routing/flow modeling capability

>>> Feature/Fixture Type Attributes:

- Linear feature type/attributes: Pipe, drain tile, ditch
- Point feature type/attributes: Catch basin, swale centroid, lake centroid, drain, depth, sump, shape, etc.
- Polygon feature type/attributes: Catch basin type and dimensions, swale, pond, lake, etc.
- BMPs by type
- Natural feature by type
- Monitoring device by type

>>> Ownership and Maintenance Attributes:

- The source of the data;
- Ownership of the physical attribute;
- Which maintenance district the feature is in;
- Contact information for who/what agency to call to report an issue;
- What watershed district the feature is in
- Plan number document associated with the feature;

>>> Origin and accuracy

- Determination if the feature is a public or private system (ownership)
- How was the data on this feature collected? (survey, plan drawing, GPS, heads-up digitizing)
- Indication of the level of accuracy of the data collected
- Consistent use of elevation datum and X, Y positioning
- Establishment of a critical minimum for data quality

>>> Other

- Public or private system (ownership)
- Consistent naming conventions for named fields in data;

Category 2 Direct usage of the stormwater geodata

Need 2.1 – Attributes that support routing and flow modeling

Ability to use the data for routing and flow modeling uses and applications Ability to determine system capacity (e.g. a "volume/time period" measurement); Ability to determine where floods could occur, rise, persist;

Ability to determine where BMPs could be placed for maximum impact;

- Routing/modeling/connectivity attributes
- Size/volume/material attributes
- Locational/positional attributes
- Ownership/jurisdiction attributes
- Receiving water attributes

Need 2.2 – Emergency Management and Hazardous Spill Containment

Ability to use the data for emergency management applications (containment) Ability to perform leak prediction of hazardous materials (containment) Ability to model emergency overflow conditions

- Routing/modeling/connectivity attributes
- Size/volume/material attributes
- Locational/positional attributes
- Ownership/jurisdiction attributes
- Receiving water attributes

Need 2.3 - Cartographic representation of features

Ability to use the data for mapping and data visualization

- Geometry (point, line, polygon)
- Attributes for various symbolization needs

Need 2.4 – Determine efficacy of BMPs

Ability to assess efficacy of established BMPs

- Routing/modeling/connectivity attributes
- Size/volume/material attributes
- Locational/positional attributes
- Ownership/jurisdiction attributes
- Receiving water attributes

Need 2.5 – Ability to edge-match features at jurisdictional boundaries

Need 2.6 – Ability to meaningfully connect surface features to sub-surface features

Need 2.7 – Ability to be readily consumed in user applications like 'See-Click-Fix', 311, etc.

Need 2.8 – Ability to use data for enhancing public education

Need 2.9 – Acknowledgement of the limitations of geospatial data

Category 3

Linkage of the stormwater geodata to other materials and systems

Need 3.1– Ability to link to reports, records, inspections, documents and other systems

Ownership and maintenance:

Linkage of the data to maintenance agreement documentation & information; Linkage to ownership information of asset; Linkage to maintenance responsibility information of asset;

Monitoring:

Linkage to monitoring devices; Linkage to monitoring data collected by devices; Linkage to CCTV monitoring activities; Linkage to live stormwater/storm event monitoring; Linkage to Mesonet and advance storm warning systems; Linkage to retention/restoration operations information;

Permitting, inspections and document records:

Linkage to MS4 inspection records; Linkage to NPDES permits/records; Linkage to permit compliance records; Linkage to specific pollutant monitoring records (chloride, suspended sediment, etc.) Linkage to BMP inspection records (public and private); Linkage to code enforcement documents and records; Linkage to pond sediment reports, documentation and records; Linkage to fixture maintenance, cleaning, treatment, repair and inspection records; Linkage to budgets and CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) reporting; Linkage to original plan documents/as-built drawings; Linkage to information on preventative maintenance records and practices;

Other geospatial data systems:

Linkage to drain tile and drainage network systems and data; Linkage to surface water discharge sites (receiving water) identification; Linkage to data about land use, land cover, land controls (zoning/covenants);

<u>Need 3.2 – Usability/Interoperability of the data with Asset Management Systems/Software:</u>

Ability to consume/utilize the data and attributes in asset management systems/software; Ability to determine ownership and management of stormwater fixtures/features;

Category 4 Data Policy, Data Governance and Conflict Resolution Issues

Need 4.1 - Clarity on Data Availability Policies

Clarity on the ability for the data to be included in, and available through, the National Hydrographic Dataset and other derivative hydrographic datasets;

Clarity on the ability for data producers and data consumers to be able to freely share the data with one another, with sub-contractors, and with the public;

Need 4.2 - Standardized Document Resources (Disclaimer, License Agreement, Security Level)

Standardized <u>disclaimer</u> language: A shared, standardized, attorney-approved body of *disclaimer language* available to the stakeholder community which clearly states that the data producer assumes no liability for errors or omissions;

Standardized <u>license agreement</u> <u>language</u>: A shared, standardized, attorney-approved body of *license agreement* <u>language</u> available to the stakeholder community which clearly states conditions of use, distribution, etc.

Standardized <u>security level</u> <u>language</u>: A shared, standardized, attorney-approved body of language about *security level information* available to the stakeholder community which clearly states conditions of use, distribution, etc.; concerns over bad actors misusing stormwater geodata

>>> Creation of a standardized disclaimer language, license agreement language and security level language for the use of the data producer community that references relevant Data Practices Act (Mn. Stat. 13) statute language and liability language (Mn. Stat. 466.03, Sub. 21);

Need 4.3 – Legal Review for Risk Assessment of Releasing Data

Review and approval of resources by appropriate agency leadership and attorneys and potentially the Information Policy Analysis Division (Department of Administration);

Need 4.4 – Consistent use of metadata:

Standardized and reliable metadata in use for the data produced; >>> Awareness and consistent usage of the Minnesota Geospatial Metadata Standard (v. 1.2) by the data producer community;

Need 4.5 – Discrepancy Reporting and Resolution Mechanism(s)

Ability to report and protocol to resolve conflicts resulting from discrepancies identified in the data, ambiguities in inter-agency agreements regarding ownership, maintenance or other responsibilities;

>>> Consistent attribution of 'authoritative source' and/or 'owner' with agency contact information available;

>>> Development and adoption of a protocol for dispute resolution when discrepancies arise;

Needs 4.6 – Consensus on schedule of data updates and quality assurance

Agreed upon schedule for system data updates by participating agencies (once per year minimum)

Responsibility, agreements and methodology on how to link/snap stormwater feature data at jurisdictional boundaries (refer to Need 2.5);

Need 4.7 – Education and Outreach to Leadership on Data Policy Issues

A body of materials, information, presentations, etc. which can be used to educate elected officials and policy makers on the data, its use, etc.

Need 4.8 – Education and Outreach to Staff/Technical Personnel on Data Policy Issues

A body of materials, information, presentations, etc. which can be used to educate staff/technical personnel on the data, its use, etc.

Need 4.9 – Data Requests: Tracking Requestor and Purpose

Data producer(s) would like to understand how their data is being used, by whom, for what purpose, etc.

Category 5 Indirect and other business needs

Need 5.1 – Identification of flood prone/inundation areas;

Documentation of flood prone areas for preventative maintenance treatment(s)

>>> A point, line or polygon feature could potentially carry a 'flag' attribute indicating that it is within a flood prone area);

Tool to create custom inundation maps

>>> Completed data would help support the creation/use/enhancement of this tool

Need 5.2 – Ability to assess/understand groundwater quality;

Need 5.3 – Documentation of aesthetic characteristics of stormwater features/BMPs;

<u>Need 5.4 – A centralized accessible database that includes watershed and sub-watershed</u> <u>boundaries;</u>

Need 5.5 – Linkage to wildlife management uses;

Need 5.6 – Need for a better hydrologic soils dataset;



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Business Needs

Maintenance agreement info/attributes Advance-warning systems (Mesonet - emergency mgmt.) Water storage volume Trouble spots preventative maintenance (flood prone) Trouble spots engineering CIP improvements (flood prone) Input into NHD System capacity for climate vulnerability Data source Metadata standardization & use Integrated "see-click-fix" type system Maintenance districts (Public information e.g. who to call) Flood rise assessment Assess stormwater BMP efficacy using spatial & water quality data Hazardous materials - leak predictive modeling Identification/resolution of storm data discrepancies Live storm water monitoring data integration to GIS Monitoring Televising Stormwater BMP inspection data sharing Watershed delineation (scale?) Pipe up & down invert Groundwater quality Modeling water quality Cartography Emergency management Pond sediment Surface waters discharge identification Asset mgmt. Asset management (ownership) Asset mgmt. - attributes Drain tile locating / mapping Mapping BMPs MS4 on t falls inspections & reporting BMP's Diameter Ownership Sump - Inspections; - cleaning Aesthetics Who owns the pipe? Material

Catch basin type / dimensions Map & Identify BMPs by type Plan number Invert elevations Pipe size & materials inverts Asset Mgmt. software Data collection public / private Level of accuracy (documenting w/n geo database Open data Centralized accessible data base that includes watersheds sub watersheds Private vs public Better public tools/service Flexible data mapping (different named fields) Code enforcement Inclusion of monitoring data (water levees, flow) to help w/model calibration Metadata standardization & use Metadata standardization Tool to create custom inundation maps System to accommodate imperfect / changing data **NPDES Permitting Emergency response coordination** Wildlife management Retention / restoration operations Know your stormwater data limitations Flow volume vs diameter & size As-built drawings from others Connectivity between agencies Standardized data across boundaries Standardization of data collected, displayed, etc. Surface and subsurface connectivity Connected data that is regularly updated Responsibility at city borders Connectivity at city / entity borders Flow and modeling Flow modeling Flow modeling Modeling Aggregate/comprehensive stormwater modeling Public ed. flow path modeling

Interconnect

Budget work

Elevation datum! Data quality Known accuracy of XY positioning Privately owned BMP tracking ESRI - Local government information model schema GPS Better hydrologic soils data set Comprehensive urban storm network data set Land use data standardization (MLCCS) (for modeling) Linking to record plan sets Sediment TSS Public education Emergency overflow New BMP types: porous pavement - infiltrative organic soils Stormwater network analysis Chlorides Data connected to 311 systems of cities for reporting purposed (e.g. localized funding) Permit compliance Sewer & stormwater interconnections Water flow "centerline" map Surface flow (virtual flow)

Policy Questions/Policy Needs

Maintenance agreement info/attributes Clarify end use to make sure data is useful to requestor

Open data - Adopt a catch basin - great until someone working on cleaning out the CB gets hit by a car. Who is responsible then? City or willing residents?

Staff like to have knowledge of possible development, so they want to know who and why for data requests

Business vs public need (just for amount of data to digest)

Data access set on an entity by entity basis (by owner)

Need to know what data is being used for - not public

Request/review policy for access

Data practices requests

Data practices requests by general public

I don't know my org's data sharing policies

Security / safety issues - large storm tunnels

Typically, we only share data with the customer we do work for

Info about what data exists so we don't redundantly collect it

We have no current written policy Staff time No official policy - will share w/ agencies; - discretion for public Guidance doc/best practice of fed, state, city privacy & policies Legal review for risk assessment Requires paper license agreement Challenges working with our legal resources Concerns over data mis-use (no spelunking, no dirty bombs) don't want to be living with knowledge of contributing to death or mayhem Vandalism of monitoring equipment Disclaimer Free the data! (legally) Educate city council Policy education Technology available Standardized security levels Standardized license agreement



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General Business Needs:

Identification of combined sewers Utility half-lives Planning for aging infrastructure and reconstruction Age/condition

BMP Placement – Optimizing locations Identify spots for retro-fit BMPs BMP Placements Development of TMDLs Tracking inspections Improving water quality Calculate updated S.W. Utility factor How much landowner pays?

MS4 Compliance Permitting purposes Hydraulic modeling Calculate storm sewer flows Defining flow paths/connections Modeling and representation HPSWIM, MECRAS, EE Watershed planning/network connectivity Tracking illicit discharges Understanding inter-community flows Development reviews Understanding Long-Term Impacts of Development

Mapping how projects relate Asset management Tracking maintenance Understanding infiltration/recharge GW (groundwater) modeling Ground water-Surface water interaction analysis

Forensic from/for flooding events General location for construction Interjurisdictional flows and connections

Coordinating w/other utilities Feasibility studies Mapping high water levels Planning and prep for climate impacts

Specific Attributes:

Type of BMP – Infiltration vs. holding/retention High level infiltration rates Proximity to well heads, traffic routes, snow plow routes, impaired lakes Up-to-date parcel data (polygon) for projects How much water thru stormshed per event Relationship of storm sewer to sanitary sewer (I/I, Inflow and infiltration) Emergency planning/routes (flooding)

Material Structure type (CB, MH, Inlet type) Owner Apron type Last inspected data/maintenance date BMP Type/Size Capacity design Intake configuration Casting type Slope Sump/No Sump Structure ID Size/Diameter Upstream/Downstream Connectivity Age Condition/Rating Elevation As built(s) Pond: Dead storage, volume, HWL, NWL Inspection and maintenance records **Televising/Inspection forms** Adjusting rings Outlets: weir/orifice elevation Debris issues – capture amounts Frequency of monitoring Storm sewer outfalls Qual[ity]: Flow monitoring sites How the data was created/metadata Stormsewer Info: Pipe size, manhole depth, inverts, material, condition CSOs (Combined Sewer Overflows), where they are, status of connection **Easement** locations

Concerns about sharing data:

Content of disclaimer Update frequency and cost Public perception/Increased knowledge Public perception/shock value Private infrastructure Integrity of data over time as changes occur What is local process to review local data before sharing How data will ultimately be used (modeling data) Public Safety Issues Conflicts w/ other data sources When is data okay to share? How complete? How accurate? Data accuracy Datum issues Ownership



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